The existing policy regarding molasses and alcohol is presently under detailed review.

Delicensing of chemical industry

196. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 28th May, 1986 captioned 'Chemical industry to be delicensed'; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what decisions have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Polyester yarn units

197. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up more polyester yarn units in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last one year, 12 Letters of Intent have been issued for setting up of grass root plants for the manufacture of Polyester Filament Yarn for a total capacity of 1,86,000 tonnes/annum.

Licensing policy for synthetic yarn

198. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to liberalise the licensing policy for synthetic yarn; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) With a view to allowing licensed industrial undertakings the flexibility of manufacturing articles according to market demand in cases where this can be done with available common design and production facilities, Government announced in September, 1985, the scheme of broad banding in a number of groups of industries which included the following :—

(i) Synthetic fibre industry covering the three types of fibre namely; Polyester, Nylon and Polyproplene; and

(ii) Synthetic filament yarn including industrial yarn/tyre cord.

In the light of the response of the industry to the above measure, it has been decided to enlarge the scope of the broad banding to permit the manufacturers of the polyester staple fibre to undertake production of polyester filament yarn and *vice versa* by making use of polycondensa-

tion facility subject to certain conditions. Copies of Press Note No. 17 (1986 Series) dated 25-6-1986 issued in this regard have been supplied to the Parliament Library.

Direct international subscriber dialling facility

199. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 1431 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1986 and to state :

(a) what further decision and steps have since been taken for the exapansion of direct international subscriber dialling facility to more countries; and

(b) what are the names of the countries with which this facility is likely to be established during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) A High Power Working Group has been set up for planning expansion of International Subscriber Dialling (ISD) telephone services keeping in view the various technical aspects. After 10-3-1986, the facility has been extended to another two countries namely, Federal Republic of Germany and Turkey.

(b) ISD facilities are likely to be extended to ten more countries during the current financial year.

Telecommunication Exchange in Orissa

200. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Telecommunication Exchange in Bhubaneswar still remained a second class exchange area though the prestigious Industrial belt of Mancheswar and Chandika fall in this exchange;

(b) whether Government propose to convert Bhubaneswar into a multi exchange area keeping in view the that this exchange can serve properly; and

(c) what are the hindrances for operating the new telecommunication exchanges in the State, especially in view of the fact that all transmissions from Calcutta to Madras pass through Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) It has been planned to open a second unit with digital electronic equipment thereby making Bhubaneswar a multi-exchange area since the existing exchange has been exapanded to its ultimate capacity.

(c) There is no hindrance. Telephone exchanges are opened and expanded based on telephone demands and availability of resources.

Telephone Exchange at Cuttack

201. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in Cuttack the total waiting list of telephones is 2011 and this is likely to increase to 3000 within this year;

(b) what are the reasons that the trunk telephone exchange at Cuttack instead of being increased to 2000 numbers has been reduced to 1000, numbers, which cannot evidently accommodate the waiting subscribers ; and